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Re: DOJ-2016-004253 (AG)
CLM:LAD

Dear Mr. Green:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on July 13, 2016, in which you requested communications dating from February 3, 2009, to April 27, 2015, between the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury concerning the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC). This response is made on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG).

Please be advised that we conducted records searches in the OAG and of the electronic database of the Departmental Executive Secretariat, which is the official records repository for the OAG. Additionally, we conducted records searches of the retired files of the OAG staff. The retired files supplement the electronic database of the Departmental Executive Secretariat and list file folder titles, arranged according to subject, of former OAG staff. Relevant files, once identified, are then hand-searched by Office of Information Policy staff to determine if they contain responsive material. As the result of these searches, we did not identify any records responsive to this request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552 (2012 & Supp. V 2017). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Douglas Hibbard, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642; or facsimile at 202-514-1009.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government

Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within ninety days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



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